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FM AMEMBASSY COTONOU

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EO 11652: GDS

RPTAGS: PINS, DM

SUBJ: DAMAGE TO UN MISSION OF BENIN

REF A. USUN 6866 B. STATE 296569 C. COTONOU 1924

D. COTONOU 1921 E. USUN 6836

1. THIS MORNING DCM DELIVERED TO FORNMINISTRY DIRGEN THE EMBASSY'S NOTE EXPRESSING USG REGRETS RE DEC 14 INCIDENT AT BENIN'S UN MISSION. RESPONDING TO NOTE AND DCM'S SUPPLEMENTARY REMARKS, DIRGEN SAID HIS GOVT DID NOT CONSIDER INCIDENT TO BE SERIOUS; NEVERTHELESS IT WAS PLEASED RECEIVE OUR REGRETS.

2. COMMENT: MUCH APPRECIATE USUN'S QUICK ACTION (REF A) IN GETTING AUTHORITATIVE INFO FROM NEW YORK POLICE TO US, THUS ENABLING US TO DEFINE THE INCIDENT EXACTLY BEFORE A DIFFERENT VERSION COULD BE ISSUED BY THE BENINESE. (ATTITUDE OF BENIN UN MISSION EMPLOYEE DESCRIBED REF C SEEMED INDICATE THAT THE MISSION MIGHT HAVE BEEN ENDEAVORING TO EXAGGERATE THE INCIDENT).

3. WHILE OUR NOTE MAY HAVE PREEMPTED A DIPLOMATIC PROTEST BY BENIN, WE CANNOT BE SURE THERE WILL NOT BE A PROPAGANDA PROTEST IN THE COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED BENIN MEDIA.

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